University of Central Florida Recreation and National Dance Exercise-Instructor’s Training Association (NDERITA), a non-profit fitness association, are co-sponsoring the following nationally recognized workshops:

• Aerobic Certification Workshop - Saturday, May 19, 2001
  - 8:00 a.m. Potential and current fitness instructors will learn basic aerobic and practical application of teaching group exercise. No college science or teaching background required. Workshop registration includes a full-day review, written exam, CEU certification and membership.
• Step Unlimited Workshop - Sunday, May 20, 2001 - 8:00 a.m.
• Drills and Skills Workshop - Sunday, May 20, 2001 - 12:00 p.m.
  - Here is the “no choreography cardio and conditioning” workout. Use, simple, safe sport skills, combined with jump ropes and conditioning equipment. Arrange the activities in interval and circuit formats that appeal to any level of participant.

Event Location: UCF, Recreational Services, Room 117
To register: Space is limited, call early for discount.

Kudos to Student Health Services!
As a luncheon held in the Student Union on February 1st, Student Health Services was formally recognized for achieving national accreditation. UCF Provost Dr. Gary Whitehouse was on hand to receive the certification, presented by Mr. Frank Carter, a representative of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. Also, offering words of congratulations were Dr. Craig Ullom and Dr. Craig Ullom from Graduate Assistants ended February 20. Notification for Round Two interviews with the Associate Director, Area Coordinators and Graduate Assistants entitled February 20. Notification for Round Two interviews with the Associate Director, Area Coordinators and Graduate Assistants ended graduated on POLARIS

The Registrar’s Office is pleased to announce that students may withdraw from spring 2001 courses (and henceforth) using POLARIS. The “Withdrawal on POLARIS” function guides students through the process, asking them at several points to verify the courses that they have targeted for withdrawal. Students making errors in POLARIS may request course reinstatement at the Registrar’s Office within three business days of the withdrawal transaction. After three business days, students must submit letters to Academic Services (MH 210) appealing for reinstatement and for withdrawal from the appropriate course(s). Students also may continue to withdraw from courses at the Registrar’s Office (MH 161). The deadline for withdrawing without penalty for spring 2001, in person or through POLARIS, is March 2.

Resident Assistant Recruitment Update
So you wanna be an RA? Thanks to the strong commitment and partnership of several campus offices, clubs and organizations, and our Residence Life Staff, we received almost 300 Resident Assistant applications! Compared to last year’s response of 77 applications, we could not have reached this goal without the support of our partners. Round One interviews with the Associate Director, Coordinators and Graduate Assistants entitled February 20. Notification for acceptance to Round Two interviews were posted on February 21.

OPENING NEW DOORS FOR STUDENTS
Tutoring Goes Online . . .
In continuation of efforts to develop quality academic support programs, the Student Academic Resource Center proudly presents Online Tutoring. An asynchronous component of Online Tutoring has been launched so UCF students can now receive tutoring support in specific subjects via e-mail. These subjects are CHM 2045 General Chemistry I, CLAST Math and PSY 2013 General Psychology. Students can send e-mail inquiries Monday-Friday and expect a response within 24-48 hours. Questions should be as specific as possible and include both the course and instructor’s name. For online assistance, log on to http://reach.ucf.edu/perl and click on the e-mail questions icon. SARC expects the synchronous or chat room component of online tutoring to be active soon. With the addition of this service, UCF students have a greater opportunity to receive support from professional tutors.

FY Chat Room ready to go!
Freshmen students soon will be able to ask questions and ascertain information from a first-year academic advisor, in real time, via the Internet. The First Year Advising (FY) Chat Room is being readied for its “grand opening” on March 5, 2001. Students will be able to “talk” to an academic advisor about general questions via Yahoo’s instant messenger system. The web page is located at http://clubs.yahoo.com/groups/ufc/ufcfirstyearadvising.

Would you like to improve your leadership skills? Here is your opportunity to participate in a leadership training series, each for a nominal fee.
• Supervisory Skills Series
  - Program Fee: $10 per program
• Leadership Excellence
  - Program Fee: $25 per program
  - http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~perspay/training/leadership.html
• Accent on Excellence
  - Program Fee: $35 per program

More information on local special event packages from local restaurants can be obtained by calling Jean Holt at 1-800-AEROBIC. Details can be obtained by visiting the UCF Arena, information on March 21 & March 22 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. UCF Arena, or to participate in this program, please contact Jean Holt at jholt@mail.ucf.edu.

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Leadership Week - February 19-23

‘Order of Pegasus’
The university has established a new honor that recognizes outstanding students who have demonstrated exemplary involvement, leadership, academic achievement and community service. Students were nominated by the Student Body President, Associate Vice President for Campus Life, Assistant Vice President for Administrative Affairs (SDES), Academic Dean, Director of Athletics, President, Provost, Director of Athletics and the Associate Vice President for Area Campuses. Nominations were accepted in a formal application, provide recommendations, will participate in an interview with a selection committee comprised of the Dean of Education, Pegasus Professor of the Year, Vice President CDES, Associate Vice President (A&D), Assistant Vice President (Special Programs), Director of Alumni Relations, Director of Constituent Relations and a student. Students selected into the Order of Pegasus were recognized during the Leadership Week Awards ceremony on February 23.* A permanent display for Order of Pegasus recipients will be placed in the Student Union.

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• Emerging Student Leadership Award - Kimberly Burgess
• Progressive Student Leadership Award - Rebecca McCain
• Heart of UCF - Tishia McDaniels
• Rising Star Leadership Award (Alumni)
  - College of Engineering & Computer Sciences
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Let’s talk WEB... Best Web Practices Technology has made it easy and accessible for everyone to search the web for information. It is everyone’s responsibility to give the internet viewer the most accurate and current information.

Please view your department’s “My Organization” - Staff, Services, News and Events - every 45 days and update accordingly.

Please make sure you have a “Last revised” or “Last modified” with date on your department home page.

Does this web button look familiar? This is the ‘SDES home’ button. The SDES button was created to form a continuity among all of the SDES departments and familiarity to the divisional web site. Please use the ‘SDES Home’ button on your department’s home page and link to the SDES division site:

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Questions? Call Judy Pardo at 823-2628 or email: jsardo@mail.ucf.edu

You are invited to… Wellness Expo 2001 • Wednesday, March 7 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • UCF Bookstore mall and green.
New SDES Employees!

- Janice Contino - Associate Director, Student Financial Assistance
- Demicia McDowell - Program Assistant, Undergraduate Admissions
- Debra Cowan - Program Assistant, Undergraduate Admissions
- Saisa de Urquiza - Program Assistant, Florida Foundation for Future Scientists
- Sheri Fox - Sr. Fiscal Assistant, Student Health Services
- Nakiya Dolberry - Sr. Secretary, Housing and Residence Life

Susan Rantuccio is the new Administrative Assistant for Student Health Services. She moves into the slot vacated by Martha Bradford, who recently retired after 20 years with UCF. She joined the business office staff of Student Health last April, primarily handling insurance matters for students. Her background includes Cardiology and General Surgery practices in Florida’s panhandle for a number of years. Susan and her husband, Paul, saw their daughter Amanda select UCF over several other schools and head to Orlando from Niceville, Florida. They liked the area and decided to move here last year. Paul works as an accountant in the UCF Academic Affairs department. Amanda is now a junior and her sister Kristen, a senior at Oviedo High School, is heading to UCF next year. Sue’s widely diverse work role includes handling personnel and payroll matters as well as being the “Patient Advocate” for Health Services, making sure that students are satisfied with the care and treatment they receive.

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Student Focused Events Calendar Student Leadership Programs (SLP), in a collaborative effort with numerous SDES departments, has developed a web page of "student focused events" for spring 2001. The page has been linked to the UCF home page, as well as the SLP home page. This is a good source of information for all students. The web site can be found at: http://programs.ucf.edu/slp/2001/events.html. Please link the website to your department web pages. If you have additions, revisions or would like specific events linked to your appropriate web sites, please contact Susan Foisy at 407-822-1522 or slp@mail.ucf.edu. Submitted by Susan Foisy.

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**Feb. 19 - Practicing What You Preach** - An interactive workshop presented by Joshua Martin, Graduate Assistant for Greek Affairs. Groups operate on shared values, common goals or purpose, also known as the core ideology. Participants formed three groups and explored what the core ideology of major companies might be. Participants gained knowledge of decision-making and how it affects the organization’s mission to fulfill the core ideology.

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